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### **Kenton County School District receives Energy Leadership Award**

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Oct. 21, 2010)** -- Kenton County School District today accepted an Energy Leadership Award from the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet at the 34<sup>th</sup> Governor's Conference on the Environment in Louisville.

Energy Leadership Awards are awarded to leaders in the Kentucky energy field who have made a positive impact on Kentuckians by promoting energy efficiency and the exploration and usage of alternative energy sources. Kenton County School District received the award due to exemplary efforts to increase the energy efficiency of their buildings.

"If every student at Kenton County Schools learns from the energy initiatives the district has employed, we will make significant progress in ensuring greater energy conservation and creating a healthier, more efficient Kentucky," said First Lady Jane Beshear. "I commend Kenton County School District for its commitment to reducing carbon emissions and forging a cleaner energy future."

Kenton County School District is home to six ENERGY STAR school buildings and recently opened the doors to Turkey Foot Middle School, designed to be a net-zero energy school which will produce as much energy as it consumes in a year through use of photovoltaic (solar) panels.

"Through the construction of Turkey Foot Middle School, Kenton County School District challenged itself to build a school that would not only consume less energy than average school buildings, but would also produce clean energy. This is an exceptional accomplishment in itself," said Energy and Environment Cabinet Secretary Len Peters. "I commend the district for implementing energy strategies into every facet of its students' education, from building sustainable, efficient buildings to including energy and environmental education into the curriculum. It is truly a leader in sustainable energy practices."

An Energy Leadership Award was also presented to Warren County Public Schools. For more information on energy efficiency programs in Kentucky schools, please visit <http://energy.ky.gov>.

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